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Hon. Asst. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 (g), (h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

Applicant hereby states under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the present statement, as evidence by the date of the enclosed search report.

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While Applicant believes no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, if any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0456 of Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

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